

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** An electronic circuit device comprising,
 - an electronic circuit element,
 - a substrate including a front surface on which the electronic circuit element is mounted and a reverse surface opposite to the front surface in a thickness direction of the substrate,
 - an electrically conductive terminal member electrically connected to the electronic circuit element,
 - a lead frame extending perpendicular to the thickness direction to face the reverse surface in the thickness direction, and
 - a sealing resin covering at least partially the electronic circuit element, substrate and lead frame while at least a part of the electrically conductive terminal member is prevented from being covered by the sealing resin to protrude from the sealing resin in a transverse direction perpendicular to the thickness direction and parallel to a longitudinal direction of the at least a part of the electrically conductive terminal member,
 - ~~wherein in a cross sectional view taken along an imaginary plane passing the substrate and lead frame and extending parallel to the thickness~~

~~direction—the substrate extends to project outward with respect to an end of the lead frame in a—the transverse direction perpendicular to the thickness direction while the end of the lead frame is covered by the sealing resin in a cross sectional view taken along an imaginary plane passing the substrate and lead frame and extending parallel to the thickness direction, the lead frame is formed in one-piece, a part of the lead frame in one-piece is prevented from being covered by the sealing resin to protrude from the sealing resin in a protruding direction perpendicular to the thickness and transverse directions, and the imaginary plane extends perpendicular to the protruding direction.~~

2. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein a coefficient of linear expansion of the lead frame in the transverse direction is smaller than a coefficient of linear expansion of the sealing resin.

3. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein a difference in coefficient of linear expansion in the transverse direction between the substrate and the lead frame is smaller than a difference in coefficient of linear expansion in the transverse direction between the sealing resin and the lead frame.

4. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, further comprising a resin adhesive through which the lead frame is adhered to the reverse surface.

5. (*Previously Presented*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the lead frame is formed through other than a deposition process on the reverse surface.

6. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 5, wherein the deposition process includes at least one of spattering and plating.

7. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the end of the lead frame is formed by a shearing process.

8. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the end of the lead frame is formed by an etching process.

9. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the imaginary plane extends parallel to a longitudinal direction of the at least a part of the electrically conductive terminal member.

10. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit device comprises a plurality of the electrically conductive terminal members juxtaposed in an electrically conductive terminal member array direction, and the imaginary plane extends perpendicular to the electrically conductive terminal member array direction.

11. (*Canceled*)

12. (*Previously Presented*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the lead frame has a surface facing to the reverse surface in the

thickness direction and prevented from being covered by the sealing resin to protrude from the sealing resin in the protruding direction.

13. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein in the cross sectional view, the substrate extends to project outward in the transverse direction with respect to another end of the lead frame opposite to the end of the lead frame in the transverse direction while the another end of the lead frame is covered by the sealing resin.

14. (*Currently Amended*) An electronic circuit device, comprising,

an electronic circuit element,

a substrate including a front surface on which the electronic circuit element is mounted and a reverse surface opposite to the front surface in a thickness direction of the substrate,

an electrically conductive terminal member electrically connected to the electronic circuit element,

a lead frame extending perpendicular to the thickness direction to face the reverse surface in the thickness direction, and

a sealing resin covering at least partially the electronic circuit element, substrate and lead frame while at least a part of the electrically conductive terminal member is prevented from being covered by the sealing resin to protrude from the sealing resin in a transverse direction perpendicular to the thickness direction and parallel to a longitudinal direction of the at least a part of the electrically conductive terminal member,

wherein ~~in a cross sectional view taken along an imaginary plane passing the substrate and lead frame and extending parallel to the thickness direction,~~ the substrate extends to project outward with respect to an end of the lead frame in ~~a~~the transverse direction perpendicular to the thickness direction while the end of the lead frame is covered by the sealing resin, in a cross sectional view taken along an imaginary plane passing the substrate and lead frame and extending parallel to the thickness direction, and a part of the lead frame is prevented from being covered by the sealing resin to protrude from the sealing resin in a protruding direction perpendicular to the thickness and transverse directions, and a width between the another end and the end in the cross sectional view is smaller than a width of the part of the lead frame in the transverse direction.

15. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 13, wherein in the cross sectional view, a width of the lead frame between the another end and the end is not more than 80 % of a width of the substrate.

16. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit element includes a semiconductor body whose main component is a semiconductor, and as seen in the thickness direction, the semiconductor body and the lead frame overlap with each other.

17. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 16, wherein the electronic circuit element includes at least one of a central processing unit and a power transistor.

18. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 16, wherein as seen in the thickness direction, the whole of the semiconductor body overlaps with the lead frame.

19. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the lead frame is prevented from being electrically connected to the electronic circuit element.

20. (*Original*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 1, wherein the lead frame is metallic, and a main component of the substrate is a ceramic.

21. (*Currently Amended*) An electronic circuit device comprising,

an electronic circuit element,

a substrate including a front surface on which the electronic circuit element is mounted and a reverse surface opposite to the front surface in a thickness direction of the substrate,

an electrically conductive terminal member electrically connected to the electronic circuit element,

a lead frame extending perpendicular to the thickness direction to face the reverse surface in the thickness direction, and

a sealing resin covering at least partially the electronic circuit element, substrate and lead frame while at least a part of the electrically conductive terminal member is prevented from being covered by the sealing resin to protrude from the sealing resin in a transverse direction perpendicular to the thickness direction and parallel to a longitudinal direction of the at least a part of the electrically conductive terminal member,

wherein ~~in a cross sectional view taken along an imaginary plane passing the substrate and lead frame and extending parallel to the thickness direction,~~ the substrate extends to project outward with respect to an end of the lead frame in ~~a~~the transverse direction perpendicular to the thickness direction while the end of the lead frame is covered by the sealing resin, and in a cross sectional view taken along an imaginary plane passing the substrate and lead frame and extending parallel to the thickness direction, the lead frame has first and second surfaces opposite to each other in the thickness direction, in which the first surface fronts the reverse surface of the substrate in the thickness direction the second surface as a reverse surface of the lead frame with respect to the first surface is arranged so as to be prevented from fronting the reverse surface of the substrate in the thickness direction, and the second surface is covered by the sealing resin.

22. (*Previously Presented*) An electronic circuit device according to claim 21, wherein the lead frame has a side surface between the first and second

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surface, with a corner between the second surface and the side surface, and the corner is covered by the sealing resin.